

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Hearing Date: April 15, 2021 8:00 AM

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COMMENTS FOR: HB 4427

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Kimberly Bridges Young

Self

Crp Christi, TX

Vote no!

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Brandon Moore

Self - Organization Director, Republican Party of Texas

Austin, TX

Members, originally I registered against this bill, but after talking with colleagues and my counterpart from the Texas Democratic Party, I am now changing my position to “on” the bill. I am speaking on my own behalf and not on behalf of the party, either here or in my previously registered position. I have some concerns that would need to be addressed before I could support the bill. Those concerns are in sections 19 & 20 regarding joint primaries. As written I can’t support the bill, but if they were removed, and if in section 22 of the bill the changes to 173.083(a)(1)(A) & 173.083(a)(1)(B) were removed, but the remaining changes in section 22 are kept, I may be able to support the bill. I do have mixed feelings regarding section 16 of the bill and will continue talking with my colleagues and counterparts to resolve those concerns.

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Kathryn Williams

Self/retired

Austin, TX

No opinion until Republicans get their act together.

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Tanya Robertson, Senate District 11 SREC Committeewoman

Self

Taylor Lake Village, TX

OPPOSE HB 4427

For the last 10 years, I have worked as an election clerk and Alternate Judge for the Harris County Republican Party Primary elections. Before 2016, the Primary Election felt more like a community gathering where we met other like minded neighbors with no stress or tension.

From the 2016 Primary to present, we've been forced to hold joint primary polling locations with the other party and, for some reason, just about everything we used to do to engage with our neighbors offended the other party. We were reported and reprimanded for doing things that were within the law when engaging with our party's voters. The atmosphere was extremely stressful and we heard about it from our neighbors and voters.

The most worrisome disadvantage about having a joint Primary location is neighbors who see other neighbors observe which

table voters go to in order to cast their vote... that causes division in our neighborhood and community. Basically, the way we vote isn't anonymous, which is a privacy issue.

Thank you for your time and I am asking Chairman Cain to leave this bill pending in committee or for the committee members to oppose it, should it be brought up for a vote.

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